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SUBJECT: LOCAL INTEREST IN KAGNEW STATION AGREEMENTS

1. CONGEN RECEIVED TELEPHONE REQUEST OCT 28 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT, ASMARA (ABRAHAM MEBRAHTU) FOR COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL 1955 LEASE AGREEMENT AND ALL THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS (EIGHT) CONCERNING KAGNEW STATION.

2. CONGEN AGREED TO SEARCH FILES AND PROVIDE COPIES OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS.

3. COMMENT: FROM CONTENT AND CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION, I BELIEVE ABRAHAM REQUEST IS SELF-INITIATED. SIMILAR INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED BY ABRAHAM ALMOST THREE MONTHS AGO PRIOR TO MY FIRST MEETING WITH COL FIKRU, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR. AT THAT TIME, ABRAHAM SUGGESTED A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING FOR FIKRU MORE OR LESS JOINTLY BY THE TWO OF US. I DODGED THAT PLOY, BUT ABRAHAM RETURNED TO SUBJECT IN LATE AUGUST (ASMARA 0668) REQUESTING COPIES OF THE NINTH AND "TENTH" SUPPLEMENTALS. WITH CURRENT REQUEST, HE COMMENTED THAT HE WANTED TO BE SURE HIS FILES WERE COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE WHENEVER THIS SUBJECT AROSE IN THE FUTURE; HE WANTED TO HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE DOCUMENTS. ABRAHAM IS A FRIENDLY BUT CRAFTY AND AMBITIOUS OFFICIAL. HIS STIRRING AROUND IN THIS SUBJECT COULD AROUSE THE INTEREST OF HIS COLLEAGUES. TO LESSEN CHANCES OF THAT HAPPENING NOW, I HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE HIM
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DIRECTLY WITH COPIES OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AS WE HAVE ON FILE, RATHER

THAN SUGGEST HE GO TO HIS MOFA IN ADDIS FOR THEM AND RISK FOCUSING
ATTENTION THERE ON THIS ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS, ABRAHAM'S CONTINUED
PROBING INTO THIS COMPLEX SITUATION COULD GENERATE WIDER INTEREST
IN THE GOE.
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